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SUBJ: SOVIET STATEMENT ON FRENCH PROPOSAL TO REPLACE
CCD

1. SUMMARY: FORMER SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO CCD, ROSCHINE,
PUBLICLY CRITICIZED THE FRENCH PROPOSAL TO REPLACE THE
CCD. ROSCHINE SAID THE SOVIET UNION IS FOR IMPROVEMENT
OF THE CCD, NOT LIQUIDATION. END SUMMARY.

2. AT APRIL 5 AND 6 COLLOQUIUM ON DISARMAMENT IN PARIS
SPONSORED BY ACADEMIE DIPLOMATIQUE INTERNATIONALE,
CHIEF SOVIET DELEGATE ROSCHINE (FORMER AMBASSADOR TO
CCD) RESPONDED TO THE FRENCH PROPOSAL TO SUBSTITUTE A
NEW DISARMAMENT FORUM FOR THE CCD. ROSCHINE SPOKE
IMMEDIATELY AFTER FRENCH DISARMAMENT COORDINATOR,
TAITTINGER, HAD FINISHED OUTLINING FRENCH DISARMAMENT
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ON THIS SUBJECT. THE FOLLOWING HIGHLIGHTS ARE TRANS-
LATED FROM ROSCHINE'S FRENCH TEXT.

3. BEGIN EXCERPTS. ROSCHINE SAID THAT THE USSR IS
DISSATISFIED BY THE SLOW PROGRESS IN DISARMAMENT BUT
THIS IS NOT DUE TO THE NEGOTIATING MECHANISM, BUT
RATHER THE POSITION OF CERTAIN INFLUENTIAL CIRCLES

IN WESTERN NATIONS, PARTICULARLY THE US....IN EVALUATING THE CCD ONE CANNOT BUT NOTICE THE TOTAL STERILITY OF ALL OTHER WORLD DISARMAMENT ORGANS....

4. DISMANTLING THE EXISTING NEGOTIATING MECHANISM COULD ARREST FOR A LONG PERIOD THE USEFUL PROCESS... IF THE EXISTING NEGOTIATING MECHANISM IS DEMOLISHED, CAN ONE SUCCEED IN CONSTRUCTING ANOTHER, BETTER ORGAN..? THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT A MORE EFFICIENT ORGAN WOULD REPLACE THE CCD.

5. THE SOVIET UNION CONSIDERS THAT IT IS NOT A QUESTION OF REORGANIZATION OR SUPPRESSION OF THE PRINCIPAL NEGOTIATING ORGAN, BUT, TO THE CONTRARY, THE IMPROVEMENT OF ALL ACTIVITIES....CCD HAS ALREADY BEEN REORGANIZED SEVERAL TIMES; TWICE MEMBERSHIP HAS BEEN ENLARGED; THE AUTHORITY OF THE CO-CHAIRMEN HAS BEEN REDUCED. THE USSR IS READY TO UNDERTAKE STEPS AIMED AT CONTINUALLY IMPROVING THE CCD AGENDA AND WORK PROCEDURES, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, THE USSR PRONOUNCES ITSELF AGAINST LIQUIDATION OF THE CCD. END EXCERPTS.

6. COMMENT: THERE WAS NO REACTION FROM TAITTINGER WHO HAD DEPARTED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SOVIET SPEECH. HOWEVER, ONE FRENCH ARMS CONTROL FIGURE COMPLAINED PRIVATELY TO EMBOFF THAT THE SOVIETS ARE PUBLICLY DISLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGREEING WITH THE FRENCH PROPOSAL.
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